

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- ▶ Sealing and insulating ducts can improve the efficiency of your heating and cooling system by as much as 20%—and sometimes much more.
- ▶ A programmable thermostat can save you about \$180 a year in energy costs.
- ▶ Save up to 26% on your monthly bill by unplugging appliances and electronics when not in use.
- ▶ Replace standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs, which use up to 75% less energy.
- ▶ Adjust your water heater thermostat to 120° when home, and to its lowest setting when you're away.
- ▶ Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible.
- ▶ A clothes dryer accounts for 12% of electricity use in a typical household. When weather permits, use an outdoor clothesline instead.
- ▶ Set your refrigerator temperature between 36°-42°.
- ▶ Brush or vacuum your refrigerator condenser coils at least once a year.
- ▶ Bottom freezer models use less energy than top or side-by-side freezer models.

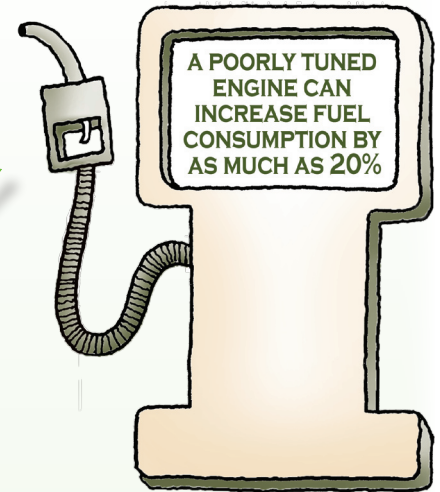


Some Easy Ways to Save ENERGY, WATER & MONEY

- ▶ Close the damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- ▶ Replace or clean furnace filters each year and keep your furnace tuned up.
- ▶ Clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer filter after every load.
- ▶ When buying new appliances, purchase energy-efficient Energy Star-labeled models.
- ▶ Insulate your home, water heater, and hot water pipes.

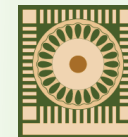
WATER EFFICIENCY

- ▶ Take short showers instead of full baths.
- ▶ Wash only full loads in your dishwasher and clothes washer.
- ▶ Sweep outside instead of using a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- ▶ Water your garden in the early morning.
- ▶ Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation systems for trees and shrubs.
- ▶ Save water by using mulch to landscape your yard.



SMART TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ Use public transportation, carpool, or bike whenever possible to get to work, school or play.
- ▶ Don't idle! Idling cars can pollute air and enter buildings.
- ▶ Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine.
- ▶ Keep your car tuned up and its tires inflated to their proper pressure.



The City of Hayward created this Tip Sheet to help you save money on your energy and water bills as well as help conserve valuable natural resources and reduce air pollution. More information is at the Green Hayward section on the City's website: www.hayward-ca.gov/cap08/cap08.shtm

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Additionally, PG&E offers income-qualified, financial assistance programs to help you save money and reduce energy consumption, call 1-800-743-5000 for more details.

REDUCE

- Buy durable items instead of disposables. Things to consider are cloth dish towels instead of paper; reusable dishes instead of paper or plastic plates and cups; and food-storage containers instead of plastic bags.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Buy products that use less toxic chemicals. These include environmentally friendly hand and laundry soap, cleaners, and garden products.
- Don't buy bottled water. Use a refillable container and save money while reducing waste. Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge to get rid of any tap-water taste.

REUSE

- Repair items as much as possible.
- Reuse empty jars and containers to hold leftover food.
- Reuse boxes for storage, packing, or gifts.
- Donate clothes and household items instead of throwing them away.

RECYCLE

- Buy recycled products and products that use recycled packaging.
- Recycle paper (printer paper, newspapers, mail, etc.), plastic, glass bottles, cardboard, and aluminum cans. Check to find out what your disposal company will take in the recycling, or what special recycling services they offer.
- Keep toxics and hazardous materials out of our environment. Recycle used motor oil, batteries, mercury thermometers, and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs).

FREE DROP OFF FOR USED OIL, BATTERIES, AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

at the Hayward Household
Hazardous Waste Facility in Hayward
2091 West Winton Avenue
www.stopwaste.org or 510-670-6460

RECYCLE OLD ELECTRONICS AND E-WASTE

at Tri-CED in Union City
33377 Western Avenue
510-471-3850
www.tri-ced.org

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Compost your food scraps,
grass and other yard clippings
or place them in your green bin
for curbside collection.



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